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SUBJECT: NORWEGIAN REQUEST FOR AID IN ADOPTION OF SOUTH VIET-
NAMESE CHILDREN

EMBASSY HAS BEEN CONTACTED ON URGENT BASIS BY CHAIRMAN HENNING JAKHELIN OF THE NORWEGIAN PARENTS ASSOCIATION FOR VIET NAM, A RESPECTED CHURCH-SUPPORTED ADOPTION PROGRAM IN NORWAY, ASKING IF U.S. CAN HELP IN URGING SOUTH VIETNAMESE AUTHORITIES TO PERMIT VIETNAMESE CHILDREN TO DEPART SAIGON FOR NORWAY WHERE THEY WILL BE ADOPTED BY NORWEGIAN PARENTS. ASSOCIATION HAS RECEIVED THE PERMISSION OF NORWEGIAN OFFICIALS TO BRING INTO NORWAY UP TO 70 CHILDREN FOR ADOPTION.

PROBLEM SEEMS TO BE ONE OF OBTAINING EXPEDITIOUS EXIT VISAS FOR CHILDREN. ACCORDING JAKHELIN, SOUTH VIETNAMESE REGULATIONS FOR VISA CAN BE WAIVED FOR CERTAIN COUNTRIES BUT NORWAY IS NOT ONE OF THEM. JAKHELIN HAS TRIED WITHOUT SUCCESS TO GET PERMISSION THROUGH NORWEGIAN CONSULATE IN SAIGON AND SOUTH VIETNAMESE EMBASSY HERE.

THE ASSOCIATION HAS TWO OFFICIALS NOW IN SAIGON. THEY ARE NURSE SILVIA BUKNE OF THE OSLO PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICE AND MR. PER SEGELCKE.

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THEY CAN BE REACHED THROUGH SAIGON ADVENTIST HOSPITAL OR THE LAW

FIRM OF TANG THI THANH TRAI AND TA VAN TIA AT 9 CONG TRUONG LAM
SONG, SAIGON, TELEPHONE 99-561.

THE ASSOCIATION IS READY TO CHARTER PLANE TO PICK UP CHILDREN.
THEY HAVE ALSO MADE ARRANGEMENTS TO SEND TWO ADDITIONAL OFFICIALS
TO SAIGON TO HELP IN EVACUATION, BUT DO NOT WISH TO SEND THEM
UNTIL THEY KNOW IF CHILDREN CAN LEAVE. PLANS NOW ARE FOR THESE
ADDITIONAL OFFICIALS TO DEPART OSLO EARLY MORNING WEDNESDAY APRIL
9, SO THEY WOULD HOPE HAVE INDICATION OF POSSIBILITY OF EXPEDITING
EXIT VISAS BEFORE THEN.

WOULD APPRECIATE IF EMBASSY COULD PUT THIS REQUEST IN APPROPRIATE
HANDS THERE URGING REPLY BY EARLY APRIL 9 IF POSSIBLE.
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